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H.B. No. 2694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a state-level credit by examination program for public secondary education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0235 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0235. STATE-LEVEL PROGRAM FOR CREDIT BY EXAMINATION. The commissioner by rule shall establish a state-level program for public secondary education in this state under which a student in a Texas public high school may receive credit by examination for any course required or offered by a Texas public high school. The commissioner:

(1) shall ensure that the examination for each course thoroughly tests, at the applicable grade level, mastery of the skills taught or comprehension of the information presented in the course;

(2) shall ensure that a student who takes an examination under the program receives credit for the applicable course by the student's school and school district if the student's score on the examination for that course is at or above the level established by the commissioner as the passing score for that examination for purposes of this program; and

(3) shall require the student's school and school district to enter the examination score on a student's transcript

1 if the student is given credit for a course on the basis of an
2 examination under the program.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.